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A Treatise on the Law of Circumstantial Evidence. By Arthur P. Will of the Chicago Bar. Law sheep, 500 pp. text. T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., Philadelphia, 1896.

Mr. Will's work will be of the greatest benefit to the criminal lawyer, although it contains also much matter of great assistance to the general practitioner. It is an admirable combination of the theory and the practice of the law of circumstantial evidence, beginning as it does with the rules of logic which govern the production and effect of this sort of evidence, and closing with an exceedingly interesting collection of cases in which those rules have had a practical application. The best feature of the book, we think, is the clear and logical way in which the question of the relative value of direct and circumstantial evidence, and the whole subject of the corpus delicti are handled. The volume is unique in that it has brought the subject up to almost the moment of publication, many of the cases reported having been decided within the past year.

The Law of Evidence in Civil Cases. By Burr W. Jones of the Wisconsin Bar. Law Sheep, 3 vols., 16 mo., 1,998 pp. text. The Bancroft-Whitney Co., San Francisco, Cal., 1896.

This is one of the most convenient and practical books we have ever examined. It has been arranged with special reference to rapid examination of the different branches of the subject, the heading of each section clearly indicating its contents, and the authorities cited in each paragraph being placed immediately after the paragraph. In the case of disputed points there is a complete list of references on either side, and the reasons for the author's opinion are logically stated. An original feature is found in the fact that citations to the leading articles in the various law journals are placed side by side with those to the reports and text books. The type is clear and legible and the division into three volumes and the small size of each volume make the book very easy to carry about for ready reference. As a practical working text-book it leaves little to be desired.

The General Digest, American and English. Law sheep, 1,708 pages. The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y., 1896.

"Good wine needs no bush." The "General Digest" in former years has so conclusively proved its merit and value that it does not require further praise from us. It is a sufficient guaranty of its excellence that the practical work of producing